TERM CALENDAR

DATE

Tuesday 7th February
Friday 10th February
Friday 17th February

ACTIVITY

Yr 2 swimming
Prep photo day
Yr 2 swimming

Carpark

The orange bunting has been taken down but it’s important for parents and students to use the correct route when entering the school. As a reminder, parents and students need to follow the yellow lines across the raised concrete crossings. I would ask parents not to cut across the car park that is in front of the undercover shed, even though this is the quickest, most direct route.

The bus zone is an area that is utilised by the school bus along with a number of day care buses. This area is not to be used by parents to park.

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held tonight at 6pm in the library, all welcome!

Car Park

A number of concerns have been raised about the car park to members of the P&C, so MP Bruce Saunders & Councillor Paul Truscott will be attending tonight’s meeting to listen & clarify any issues you have.

School banking

School banking will resume after the next P&C meeting and we have volunteers to run the program.

Respect

With a continued focus on classroom respect this week, students will have the opportunity to learn more about the concepts that relate to looking after ourselves, others and the environment. Respect can often be a term that is used flippantly. At St Helens we strive to teach the students what this value looks like in a variety of areas to ensure a complete, comprehensive understanding is obtained.

We refer to students at St Helens as Super Stars and promote the value of respect with the following statement:

“St Helens Super Stars are respectful. To be respectful means showing regard and appreciation for the worth of someone or something. We demonstrate respect every day by valuing the opinions of others whilst being caring and considerate of their feelings and beliefs”.

Students with respect:

• Listen
• Keep unkind thoughts to themselves.
• Speak kindly to everyone.
• Share
• Play fairly and wait their turn.

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- Raise their hands before talking.
- Use their manners – “Please, thank you and excuse me”
- Clean up after themselves.
- Show tolerance and acceptance of others.
- Are safe
- Care about themselves and others.

The strength in our values program comes from a unified approach between school and home. By reinforcing the values of respect, integrity and commitment with your child whilst at home you are encouraging them and solidifying the concepts that underpin these vital values. I implore our parents to continue the teaching of these values as there are clear benefits and noticeable improvements with our students.

**Sun Safety**

All students are reminded that being sun safe is important at all times, it is particularly relevant at the moment with the extreme weather we are experiencing. We have had a number of incidences over the last few weeks of students using other people’s hats whilst playing, this is not acceptable as students are responsible for their own hats. I would remind students that if they forget to bring their own hat they are not permitted to take one from another student, they simply need to stay undercover for that playtime.

**Choir News**

The Senior Choir will commence rehearsals this week on Thursday during first break. Any committed students in Year 4-6 who love singing are welcome.

**STRINGS NEWS**

All students in their second, third and fourth year of learning are involved in the school string orchestra.

Orchestra will begin for students this Friday before school. Students should arrive at 7:50am to assist setting up chairs and stands.

The rehearsal will then commence at 8am.

On Friday afternoon from 3-4pm there will be an induction meeting for all parents of students involved in the instrumental strings program. This meeting will be held in the school hall. During this meeting we will outline the processes required for developing good practice techniques at home, requirements for lessons and the have the chance to meet the new instrumental music teacher Mr. David Sue Yek.

**Library News**

Library lessons are now under way for all classes. Just a reminder that if your child is in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 they will require a library bag before they will be allowed to borrow a book. It is recommended that all students have a library bag or some sort of carry bag (e.g. plastic shopping bag) to help keep library books clean.

Please remind your child to return their library books on their borrowing day. Library borrowing days are as follows;

- Tuesday – 2B, 3F
- Wednesday – 3/4H, 6M
- Thursday – 1R, 3N, 4S, 4/5H
- Friday – Prep P, Prep W, 1A, 2C, 5H

**Chess Club**

Chess club has started Wednesday lunch times in the library. Students from year 2 to 6 can come learn and practise the game of chess. Students are eagerly awaiting the first inter school tournament to be held on Monday February 20th.

**Curriculum Corner**

Last week I shared some ideas for you to assist your child with reading at home. The next two weeks I will provide some ideas to assist with numeracy.

**Assisting your child with mathematics at home**

Children need lots of experiences in making, counting, drawing and talking about numbers. Make connections for your child by explaining how numbers and counting are a part of everyday life.

You may feel that the maths your child is doing at school is different from how you were taught, but you will still be able to support your child in many ways.
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Playing shop:
Collect food and grocery items and label them with prices written on sticky notes or prices cut out of shopping catalogues. Talk about how we pay for items using notes and coins. Order the food items by height (tallest to the shortest) or by cost (least expensive to most expensive).

Playing games:
Play ‘I Spy’ or other games to identify shapes, numbers and patterns. Dice are a great addition to any toy collection. Roll the dice and say, make or write the numbers identified. Roll the dice and add the numbers together to find the total.

Making patterns:
Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry. Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, crockery, cards and furniture. Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. For example, red, blue, white, red, blue, white. Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards or on material.

Measuring things:
Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family. Cut a piece of string for your child, any length will do. Use the string to measure the objects in your house to find out what is longer or shorter than your ‘string measuring tape’. Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length. Explore other ways of measuring using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, foot prints or hand lengths.

Go on a number hunt:
With your child find numbers around you, for example house numbers, calendars. Look at and say the numbers on car number plates, signs, calendars, newspapers, shopping catalogues, speed signs, house numbers. Use different numbers as the starting point for practising counting, for example start counting from 6 or 10. Ask your child to count forwards and backwards. Ask what number comes before or what number comes after.

Moving with maths:
These ideas use movement of the body, hearing sounds, using eyes and feeling with hands to experience counting. How many throws can we do without dropping the ball? How many jumps does it take to get to…? How many times can you tap the balloon before it touches the ground?

Early Departures
Please note that the early departure is not an option for any students in Yr 3 or above. Unless they are attending an after school facility with an early bus pickup.

Newsletter Direction
Over the coming weeks we will be trialling the process of utilising Facebook to display our newsletter articles. At this stage we will maintain the weekly newsletter but we are looking into ways to better utilise social media to inform our parents of important information.
The newsletter articles will be uploaded onto Facebook at various intervals over the course of the week to ensure continual communication. We would appreciate parent feedback on this process to enable the best coverage of school information.

Change of Details
Please inform the school if you have changed any phone numbers or contact details. Also emergency contact details if you feel that they need to be updated. We need the correct details at all times as this assists us if an emergency arises.

Dinner Table Topics
Prep Possums & Wombats – Thank you to all of parents who attended our Information Evening last night. We are making excellent progress with our first set of letters this week. Thank you for the wonderful effort we have seen with homework so far!

Year 1A – Ask your child about what step they are on for our counting goal. They will bring their counting goal home this week.

Year 1R – This week in Geography we are looking at managed and constructed features in our environment. Discuss what might be a managed or constructed feature at home. Also keep connected to our classroom by using the Seesaw app.

Year 2B & 2C – Thank you for getting your children organised for swimming last Friday. Please remember to label every piece of clothing so that we can quickly return lost items. We do not have swimming on this Friday the 10th because of the high school swimming carnival. Our first home practice is to be returned on Thursday and we will then send it home again on Friday.

Year 3F – In class we have been reading the novel “Matty Forever”, please ask you child about the character Matty and if they can tell you one of the challenges.

Year 3N – Year 3N are thoroughly enjoying their Technology lessons each week. We have (almost) mastered logging on/off, and typing a document in Word. In the coming weeks we will learn how to search for and insert an image from the internet into Word. 24 students… 24 laptops… 24 hands up… Challenge accepted!
Year 3/4H – Parents, please check that your child has completed all homework tasks and remind them that homework is due on Fridays. Can you please send your child with one empty softdrink bottle for our science experiment. Thanks.

Year 4S – Homework is due this Thursday. The classroom is open every morning if your child has any queries. Each day the students are gaining better skills at working independently.

Year 5H - Your child is investigating different methods to solve multiplication problems. Ask your child about the strategy they are currently working on and get them to give you an example of it.

Year 6M – Keep an eye out for a note regarding the Year 6 information session that will take place next Monday afternoon.

Maryborough Community Kindy
Maryborough Community is in full swing for 2017 and the children are busy making new friends, exploring their new environment and putting their creative side to the test. If you child is pre prep and you are looking for an awesome start for your child schooling journey then Maryborough Community Kindy might be just what you need. We have vacancies in both groups available. Please give one of our friendly staff a call on 4121 3865 should you wish to discuss enrolling your child or pop past the kindy and take a look for yourself, we’re located at 19 Farrell St.

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

NETBALL
Want to try a new sport?
Get a School Team together and come along for a fun day.

When: Sunday 15th February 2017
Time: Games commence at 9.00 am
Finish at 2.00 pm
Divisions: Net Set Go Prep to Year 2
Primary School Year 3 to Year 6

Where: Maryborough Netball Association Courts, 36 Cheapside Street
What to bring: Hats, Water, Sunscreen,
What to Wear: Comfortable sports clothing, shoes – no spikes, short fingernails and please no jewellery.
Canteen will be in operation.

HEAT GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

Heat Girls Cricket League
When: Sundays 9:00am - 12:00p.m starting 5th of February (6 weeks)
Where: One Mile Oval, Maryborough
Cost: $20 per person Approx. $30 spent on food.
Contact: Rod Veen - 0439 009 266 - gymnastics@ymail.com
Register at playcricket.com.au under "Gymnastics Regional Cricket"
### Star of the Week

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<td>Amelia Christopher</td>
<td>For demonstrating wonderful caring and sharing.</td>
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<td>Grace Slattery</td>
<td>For always showing respect towards teachers and peers. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Harper De Vries</td>
<td>For always trying his best in every activity.</td>
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<td>Year 1R</td>
<td>Alerah Simpson</td>
<td>For using fluency and expression when reading. You’re a star!</td>
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<td>Year 2B</td>
<td>Rachael Bosustow</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating the school values and leading by example.</td>
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<td>Year 2C</td>
<td>Marley Hancock</td>
<td>For your calm and gentle approach to your learning and to the people around you.</td>
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<td>Year 3F</td>
<td>Joshua Pearse</td>
<td>For always displaying our school values and bringing his happy, smiling face every day!</td>
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<td>Year 3N</td>
<td>Jasmin McDonald</td>
<td>For the positive attitude you show each day at school. You are a role model to others!</td>
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<td>Olivia Duggan</td>
<td>For contributing some great ideas during our class discussions.</td>
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<td>Year 4S</td>
<td>Philip Scougall</td>
<td>For your dedication to completing all classroom activities.</td>
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<td>Year 4/5H</td>
<td>Aysha Diprose</td>
<td>For demonstrating the value of ‘respect’ in our classroom on a consistent basis. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 5H</td>
<td>Lucas Northill</td>
<td>For a fantastic start to the year and trying your hardest at everything.</td>
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<td>Year 6P</td>
<td>Aleyce Tindale</td>
<td>For facing challenges head on and leading by example. Brilliant start to 2017 Aleyce!</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Dane Scheltinga</td>
<td>For listening politely and answering questions correctly about this week’s story.</td>
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Welcome to the PE/Sport Segment in our school newsletter. Each week I will be detailing any reminders or dates that are relevant to St Helens School and Maryborough District School Sport.

There will also be information related to any sporting organisation that wish to inform parents/caregivers of their sign-on dates or trainings.

Our first program for the year will be our Water Awareness and Swim Confidence lessons for year 2 students. They will learn about the dangers of water, life-saving procedures and also swimming competence. We look forward to helping the St Helens students understand the dangers of water environments and the skills needed to be able to participate in water activities safely.

I have also provided a term calendar that details various sporting dates from school, district and Wide Bay level. This calendar can be found on the School Face Book Page and also the School Website. Please keep in mind that some events have known to change their dates during the year. If this occurs, I will continue to update the calendar.

**UPCOMING DATES**

**St Helens Swimming Program.**
Starts Friday 3rd Feb (Year 2 students only)
The program will continue for the rest of Term 1.
Money must be paid to the office with signed forms prior to participating.

**Inter-School Sport** (Year 5 & 6 students only)
Starts Friday 24th Feb (continues for 5 weeks) Sports involved will be Football Soccer / Rugby League / Netball / Hockey / Oztag. Notes will be given out next week. St Helens will only send teams to sports that have a full team nominated.

**Maryborough District GALA DAY** (Year 5 & 6 students only)
Friday 17th March (replaces inter-school sport for this week only).
This is a trial day where students will continue to participate in their chosen Friday afternoon sport…..but for the **WHOLE DAY**. Maryborough District teams will be selected from this event. A separate information note will be given to parents detailing this day.

**St Helens Cross Country**
Due to the extreme heat during term 1, we have decided to run the St Helens School Cross Country in the middle of term 2. This will allow students to engage in their running event with safer and more enjoyable weather conditions.

However, I will be running a separate training squad towards the end of term 1 for any students (aged 10-13yrs) wanting to trial for the Maryborough District Cross Country team. Details of this training squad will be provided in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

**Maryborough Zone Softball Trials** (10 & 12 Year olds)
Wednesday 22nd Feb (after school)
We will post details once we receive them. Notes will be given to interested students.

**Maryborough AFL Trials** (10 & 12 Year olds)
Wednesday 22nd Feb (after school)
We will post details once we receive them. Notes will be given to interested students.

I look forward to providing a safe and fun environment for your children, while they learn how the body moves and functions within the context a variety of activities.

Kind Regards!
H.P.E Teacher
Troy Rober’t
Creative Co Op

Handmade Market

Saturday 25th February
8am - 1pm
Stalls selling quality handmade and boutique items. All local.
Refreshments available.
Free entry.
St Stephens Church Hall, Sussex St,
Maryborough
Contact: 0498 396 424 or find us on Facebook

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